

MINUTES
CITY OF SAN DIEGO
AIRPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Montgomery Field Terminal Building
Meeting of March 10, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Buzz Fink (Special Expertise), Vice-Chair Chuck McGill (Montgomery Field User Group), Jim Aldrich (Montgomery Field Aviation Tenant), Jackie Ander (Serra Mesa Community Planning Group), Tom Dray (Montgomery Tower), Juan Escalante (Brown Field Aviation Tenant), Lisa Golden (Otay Mesa Planning Group), Bob Hitchcock (Brown Field Aviation User Group), Rich Martindell (Special Expertise), Kathy Monsour (Clairemont Mesa Community Planning Committee), Kevin O'Donnell (Special Expertise).

MEMBERS WITH EXCUSED ABSENCE: Buzz Gibbs, Scott Hasson

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Christian Anderson, Chris Cooper, Ernie Gesell, David Jarrell, Wayne Reiter, Mike Tussey, Robert Zolezzi,

GUESTS: Rick Beach, Nici Boon, Al Boyce, Kristin Camper, David Friedman, Bob Golo, Ken Mazzola, Jim Moore, Tom Ricotta, Joe Russo,.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Fink called the meeting to order at 3:07. A quorum was present.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the February 10, 2009 regular meeting were approved as written. All members present voted unanimously for the approval.

3. PUBLIC INPUT

Tom Dray responded to a question from Al Boyce regarding NOTAM's that pertained to Wide Angle Augmentation System (WAAS) enabled GPS receivers. Tom stated the NOTAM's are intended to make pilots aware that under certain conditions there may be insufficient satellite coverage to safely fly specific WAAS approved approaches.

4. OLD BUSINESS

Deputy Fire Chief Brian Fennessy responded to the following inquiries:

- Which station was most likely to respond to an airport incident/accident? Station 28 for Montgomery and Station 43 for Brown. *Who responds and how long it takes varies, due to which station responding and/or where the units are responding from.*
- Do all responding units have the capability to communicate on VHF with ATC? *Those units which normally respond to the airports are equipped with VHF radios. Those that rarely respond usually rely on light gun signals from the tower and it hasn't been an issue in the past.*

4. OLD BUSINESS *(cont'd)*

- Would it be possible to purchase and install handheld VHF radios at stations that do not have any or develop a procedure for retrieving the VHF radio from STN 28 for those units responding without one? *Yes*
- Have firefighters received training on ingress procedures for the various types of aircraft that operate out of Montgomery and Brown Field? *Yes. However, due to turnover, it is difficult to keep all personnel trained but the Fire Department would welcome any training that the airports or operators could provide.*

Brian Fennessy also reported that the fire rescue helicopter that was stationed at Brown Field has been relocated back to Montgomery Field due to budget cuts, but when the fire season begins it will return to Brown.

5. NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

6. STAFF & DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Deputy Director Tussey announced that, starting immediately, a representative of the City airports will be attending local community meetings to answer questions, provide updates on airport projects, and provide an interface between the airports and the community.

Tom Dray reported that he was experiencing some controller turnover and was currently in the process of certifying two new controllers.

MYF Airport Manager Ernie Gesell reported that temporary repairs to 28R would commence sometime in mid to late April. The repair would consist of removing and replacing a 50-foot wide swath centered on the centerline running the length of the runway. The repairs are estimated to take 1 – 2 weeks and during this time the runway will be unlit.

SDM Airport Manager Wayne Reiter reported that during a recent meeting with Red Bull staff it was determined that Brown Field is now being considered for the primary field of operations for the May 9th – 10th air races. Wayne also reported that the airfield lighting project was underway and that the repairs of 8R/26L should commence within one to two weeks.

Mike Tussey responded to questions about extending Runway 8R/26L at Brown Field beyond 4000 ft (total length) by expressing concern about the impact an extended RPZ would have upon the planned Fire Rescue heliport in the upcoming DPC project regarding the cost-benefit ratio.

Airport Development Coordinator Christian Anderson reported that many of the tenants on the Sikorsky used car dealer site have already vacated their leaseholds. Mr. Anderson also reported that the soil samples taken from the old fuel farm location on Brown Field came back clean. It was also reported that Diversified Lending Group, who is a financial partners with DPC at Brown Field, has had their assets frozen, pending an investigation by the SEC for fraud. DPC is currently in the process of severing ties with DLG and still plans on moving forward with the development at Brown Field

Associate Property Agent Robert Zolezzi reported that the grant application submitted to the California Integrated Waste Management has been frozen due to budget cuts and the state was looking into utilizing subcontractors to remove the gypsum at Brown Field.

6. STAFF & DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S REPORT *(cont'd)*

Mike Tussey elaborated upon the following:

Brown Field Capital and Planning Projects

- Electrical Upgrade II/III: Currently underway
- Master Plan: ALP was submitted to the FAA on March 13, 2009 for review
- GRC: Rwy 8R/26L partial rehab and extension should begin in one to two weeks.
- Potential grant \$485,000 for \$450,000 Brown Field Perimeter Fencing Phase II,
- FY 2010 programmed grant \$3,000,000: Rwy 8L/26R Rehab Design I & II and Construction, Phase I

Montgomery Field Capital Projects

- Composition of Rwy 5/23 Rehab Design: Design process currently underway.
- Environmental Constraints Analysis: Study will be submitted to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service by May.
- Vernal Pool Restoration: Monitoring in Progress
- Rwy 10L/28R design at 85%, now with estimated one-month closure, May-June 2010.
- FY 2010 programmed grant \$3,750,000: Rwy 5/23 construction project now in the next year FAA budget cycle.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tom Ricotta reminded the group about the upcoming Challenge Air event at Brown Field that is scheduled to take place on April 18th. Tom stated there will be significant fuel discounts and free breakfast and lunch for those participating.

Rick Beach announced that a lawsuit involving the City and Sunroad, regarding the latter's building to the north of MYF is scheduled for a public trial, commencing June 22, 2009.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m. The date of the next AAC meeting will be April 14, 2009 at the Montgomery Field Terminal Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Cooper